



Understanding the Practice Test Site



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Objectives

Describe the uses of the Smarter Practice Test

Access the practice test and other test resources

Understand the Test Layout

Understand the Basic Test Rules

Utilize and describe the test tools

ACCESSING the ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS

NOTE! The practice test can
ONLY be opened in the following
browsers:

- Mozilla Firefox
- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 10
- Apple Safari
- <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>



Basic Practice Test Rules

Users cannot skip test items. (Users may mark an item for review and return to it later.)

Users must answer all test items on a page before going to the next page. Some pages contain multiple items. Users may need to use the vertical scroll bar to view all items on a page.

Users may mark items for review and use the Questions drop-down list at the top of the page to easily return to those items.

Test Layout

Figure 2. Sample Item Page for a Mathematics Practice Test

The screenshot shows a test interface for a student named STUDENT B (State-SSID: AI-99999991086) in G3 Math (14 out of 30) on page 5. The interface includes a top navigation bar with buttons for Zoom In, Zoom Out, Calculator, Save, Pause, Back, Next, and End Test. A green banner indicates the test is completed and ready for submission. The main content area displays item 14, a word problem about a relay race, and a number line from 0 to 2. The question asks for the number of students needed to complete the race, with answer choices $\frac{2}{5}$, $\frac{5}{2}$, 9, 10, and 20.

STUDENT B (State-SSID: AI-99999991086) G3 Math (14 out of 30) Pages: 5

Zoom In Zoom Out CALCULATOR

SAVE PAUSE BACK NEXT END TEST

The test has been completed and is ready to be submitted when you are done reviewing your answers.

14

Students are running in a relay race. Each team will run a total of 2 miles. Each member of a team will run $\frac{1}{5}$ of a mile.

How many students will a team need to complete the race?
Choose the correct number.

You may use the number line to help find your answer.

Relay Race

0 1 2

How many students will a team need to complete the race?

$\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{5}{2}$ 9 10 20

Annotations:

- Zoom in/out Buttons:**
 - Zoom in to enlarge text size
 - Zoom out to reduce text size
- Open Calculator**
- Open Tutorial**
- Open notepad**
- Mark item for review**
- Optional:** Click to save answer before you move to next question. Appears for technology-enhanced items.
- Pause test**
- Move between pages**
- Click to view list of item pages. Select a page to review.**
- End test button (appears after last item has been answered)**



Test Tools

General, calculator, stimulus expansion, Text to speech



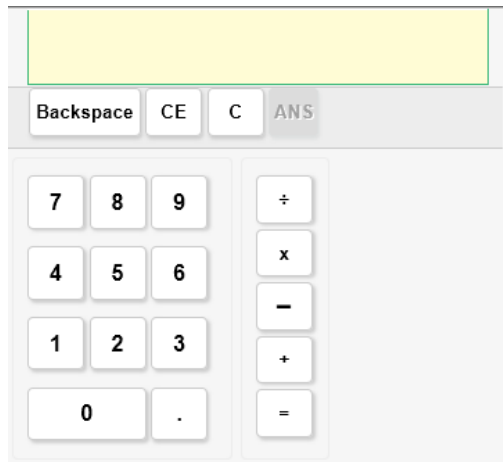
General test tools

Available for
all
assessments:

- Highlight
- Zoom
- Mark for review
- Notepad
- Tutorial
- Strikethrough
- Instructions/help screen

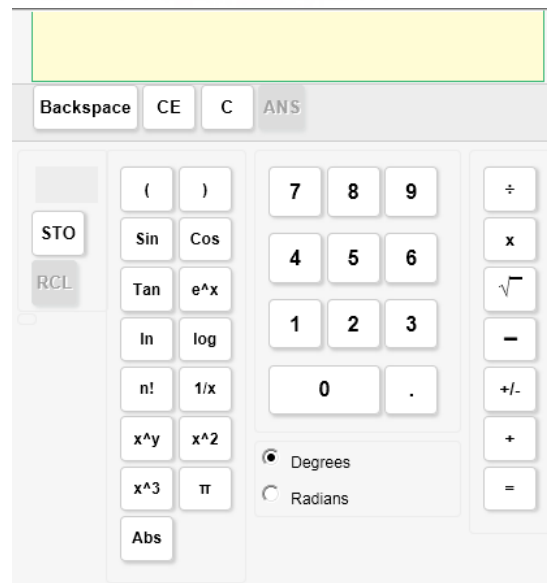
Calculators

Basic Calculator:
Grade 6



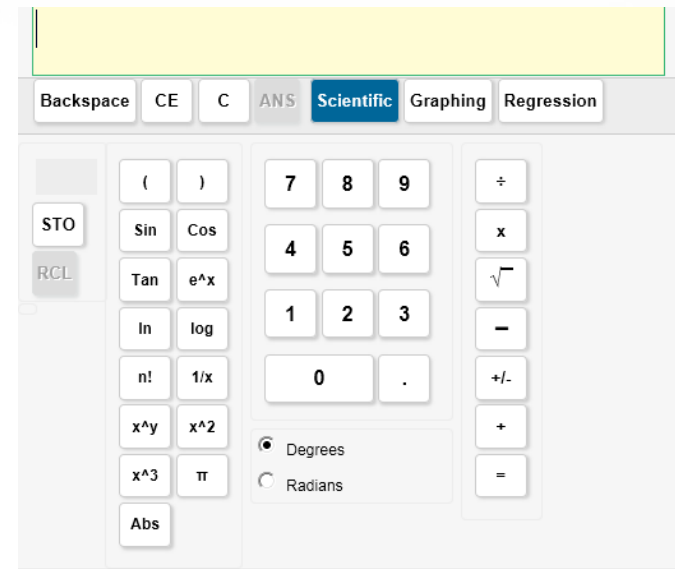
Basic Calculator

Scientific Calculator: Grades 7 & 8



Scientific Calculator

Graphing, Regression,
and Scientific Calculators:
Grade 11



Graphing, Regression, &
Scientific

Practice Test Portal Tour



Smarter Balanced Assessments



Field Tests

Coming Soon



Download Secure Browser



Secure Pilot Test Archive



Practice Test

The Practice Test is available to schools and districts for practice and training purposes, professional development activities, and for discussions with parents, policymakers, and other interested stakeholders.



Looking for more?

www.smarterbalanced.org

The screenshot shows the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium website. At the top left is the logo, which consists of three overlapping triangles (blue, green, and grey) to the left of the text "Smarter Balanced" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "Assessment Consortium" in a smaller font below it. To the right of the logo is a link that says "Stay Connected". Below the logo and link is a horizontal navigation bar with five black buttons containing white text: "ABOUT", "SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS", "K-12 EDUCATION", "HIGHER EDUCATION", and "PARTNERS". Below the navigation bar is a large image of a smiling man in a light blue shirt holding a clipboard. To the right of this image is the section title "Sample Items and Performance Tasks" in a bold, dark blue font. Below the title is a paragraph of text in a smaller, italicized font: "Smarter Balanced sample items illustrate the rigor and complexity of the English language arts/literacy and mathematics items and performance tasks students will encounter on the Consortium's next-generation assessments."

**Smarter
Balanced**
Assessment Consortium

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ABOUT SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS K-12 EDUCATION HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERS

**Sample Items and Performance
Tasks**

Smarter Balanced sample items illustrate the rigor and complexity of the English language arts/literacy and mathematics items and performance tasks students will encounter on the Consortium's next-generation assessments.



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